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Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter of the President of the Republic of Albania (annex) on the further escalation of the conflict in former Yugoslavia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and particularly on the threatening of peace and the danger of a massacre being prepared by Serbia in Kosova taking advantage of the first free elections due to be held on 24 May 1992 in Kosova.

I would very much appreciate it if you would have the text of present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under item 69 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sokol NEÇAJ
Chargé d'affaires

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ANNEX

Letter dated 15 May 1992 from the President of the Republic of Albania to the Secretary-General

I feel particularly honoured to address myself to you in order to express my profound concern about the fightings in Bosnia-Herzegovina in recent days, where, as a result of the aggression of Serbia and the JNA, being under its command, numerous victims and incalculable damage are being inflicted.

Albania is observing with great attention the tragic situation in former Yugoslavia, and it has constantly expressed its support of the all-round efforts by the United Nations and you personally aiming to put an end as soon as possible to the fightings and to create the conditions favourable for the settlement of peace, so that the peoples of former Yugoslavia, that is, the Albanians too, decide on their own destiny by their free will and in a peaceful way.

On 24 May 1992 the Kosovar people will hold their first multi-party elections. Notwithstanding the noise made and the interpretation given by the chauvinistic Serbian circles about these elections, they are, indeed, an expression of the will and right of the people themselves to be governed by people elected by them, and they undoubtedly constitute a great contribution to the peaceful settlement of the issue of former Yugoslavia.

In view of the stepping up of the aggression in Bosnia-Herzegovina and taking account of the fact that it is two years now that considerable military troops and means have been concentrated in the territory of Kosova, to which the Serbian-Montenegro paramilitary formations have been added, Albania has continously drawn the attention of the international public opinion and bodies about the danger threatening peace and security in the Balkans and more widely. This danger, fraught with greater consequences, becomes more imminent with the forthcoming first free elections in Kosova, which may be exploited for the displacement of the aggression to the south. Hence, I deem it necessary, Mr. Secretary-General, that you exert your influence on and recommend to the Security Council that United Nations observers and forces be present in the territory of Kosova so that an eventual military attack against Kosova and the Albanians living there be prevented, and to observe the holding of the elections. This would also conduce to the cause of security and peace, which you personally have committed yourself to.

On this occasion, allow me, Mr. Secretary-General, to express to you the all-round and powerful support of the Republic of Albania of all the measures and actions of the United Nations and its Security Council for the settlement of the Yugoslav issue as soon as possible and in a peaceful way appropriate to all the peoples of former Yugoslavia.

Sali BERISHA